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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideki SUGIURA, et al.

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ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

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EXTERNAL ADDITIVE OFR ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC TONER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE EXTERNAL ADDITIVE, ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC TONER USING THE EXTERNAL ADDITIVE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE

ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC TONER

FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

TANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated May 24, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Title of the Invention and Inventor(s) name(s) and is believed, in combination with the application serial number and filing date contained in this cover letter, to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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